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Dear Kentucky Licensees,

On behalf of the State Board members and staff, I want to thank each and every one of you for your professionalism, and for the emphasis you have consistently placed on patient and public safety over the past year during this public health crisis.

I have the unique vantage point of seeing how therapists throughout our state have taken this pandemic seriously on behalf of their patients and coworkers, and have also been diligent in their professional response. You have followed CDC guidelines, abided by Governor Beshear's Executive Orders, and have created innovative delivery systems for public safety and protection.

As all of us are aware, Kentucky continues to trend upward in confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, reaching a new high of a 10.07% positivity rate just yesterday. Kentucky currently has 113 red zone counties, and a new daily case total yesterday of 3,895, with 1,810 patients currently hospitalized. Governor Beshear has issued [red zone reduction](#) recommendations for general public guidance for red zone counties.

Just as we as a profession have been compliant over this past year, I want to encourage all of us to remain faithful in following Governor Beshear's guidance and recommendations, [CDC guidance and recommendations](#), and the use of telehealth services to help mitigate risks. I also encourage all of us to review and revisit your individual facility's Healthy at Work Plan. I recognize how fatigued and weary we are at this stage, but we must continue to be vigilant in our daily efforts to ensure the safety of our patients, our co-workers, families, and communities.

The Board is presently in communication with Kentucky Inspector General Adam Mather and the Immunization Branch at the Kentucky Department of Public Health, and is seeking guidance with regard to availability of COVID immunizations for providers of physical therapy services throughout the state. We will provide additional information and insight as more information becomes available.

I personally want to thank Governor Beshear, DPH Commissioner Dr. Steven Stack, Inspector General Adam Mather, the staff with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and our distinguished legislators for the ongoing leadership and guidance they have provided to the therapeutic community during this challenging recovery period.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Pennington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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